

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
YAMAZAKI et al. )  
Application Number: To be assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: DISK ARRAY APPARATUS AND DISK ARRAY )  
APPARATUS CONTROLLING METHOD )  
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

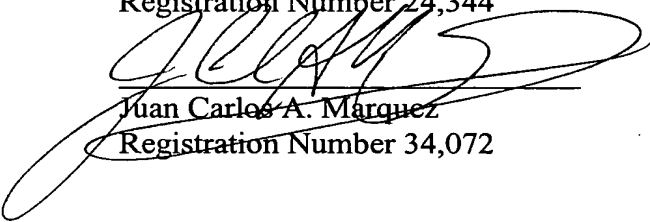
Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority dates of January 16, 2004 and March 23, 2004, the filing dates of the corresponding Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2004-009004 and 2004-085575, respectively.

The certified copies of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2004-009004 and 2004-085575, will be submitted as soon as they are received from Applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copies is respectfully requested in due course.

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